

Remarks/Arguments

Entry of the foregoing amendments, prior to examination, is respectfully requested.

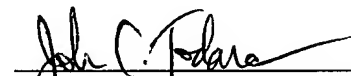
Claims 1-15 and 17 are pending. Claim 16 has been canceled

An abstract is enclosed.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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